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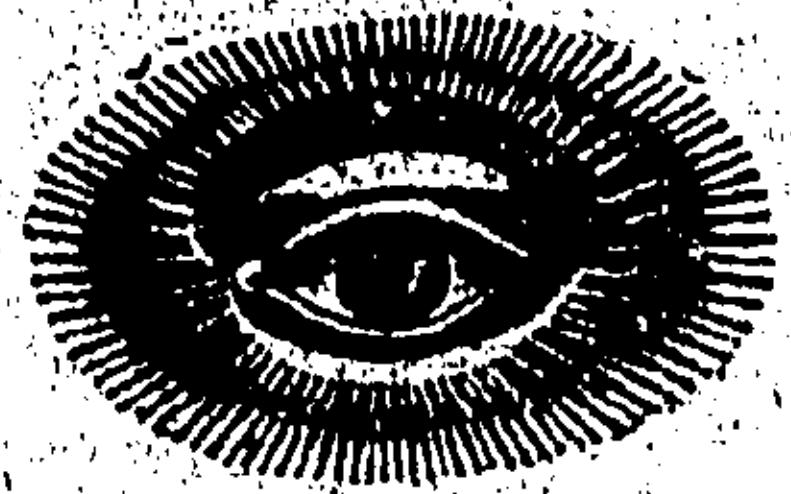
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MARCH STOLEN?

CANTON OVERTURES TO PEKING.

COUNTRY-WIDE ARMISTICE

Nationalists Occupy Nanking British Consulate.

PEKING FORCES THREATEN NORTHERN COUNTER-ATTACK.

While the Nationalist Government at Nanking is going ahead with its stabilisation plans its opponents in Canton and elsewhere have, according to a report, suggested to the Peking Government a country-wide armistice to be followed by a representative national conference.

Before such news can be denied or confirmed, it is learned that Nationalist troops in two Yangtze ports—several hundreds of miles apart—have occupied the British Consulate in one instance, and made a gesture towards taking over British buildings in the other. Protests have been made by the Consular representatives concerned.

War reports indicate a further advance by the Nationalists on Ichang, on the upper Yangtze. In North China, the Nationalists' allies have been promised a counter-attack by the Peking forces.

ADVANCE ON ICHANG.

Mr. Pan Fu, the Premier of the Peking Government, is quoted by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" as having stated that a representative of the Kwangsi military party which is in power at Canton and elsewhere and opposes Chiang Kai-shek, has expressed a wish for a national armistice to pave the way for a peace conference of nationals.

In the sphere of Canton politics, trouble is brewing between the provincial Kuomintang and the city Kuomintang. The provincial organisation supports General Li Chai-sun and the city organisation is unfavourable. However, the former has more strength and power.

Nationalist Conference.
Shanghai, Yesterday.

A preparatory meeting for the fourth plenary session of the Nationalist Party executive was held yesterday at Nanking when it was decided that twenty-five members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee were sufficient to form a quorum.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: As has been stated for several months, the object of the fourth plenary session is to set the Nationalist Government on a new, proper footing. It is sponsored by Chiang Kai-shek and his supporters.)

BRITISH PROTEST.

Nationalist Troops Occupy Consulate.

Nanking, Yesterday.

Detachments from the 21st Nationalist Army (which supports the central Nationalist Government at Nanking and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek) occupied the British Consulate and other British buildings in the city on Wednesday. The British Consul-General has protested against the incident to Chiang Kai-shek, the commander-in-chief of the Nationalist forces.—British Naval Wireless.

UPPER YANGTSE.

British Consul's Protest at Ichang.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is reported here that a part of the 19th Nationalist Army has reached Ichang, on the upper Yangtze River. General Hu Tung-ku, who authorised the establishment of the Nationalist organisation at Wu-Han, is in command.

The British Consul at Ichang has protested to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs against the posting of billet notices on Bri-

GEN. DUNCAN HERE.

Guest at Headquarters To-night.

DRIVE ROUND THE ISLAND.

Sails For Home To-morrow On "Malwa."

Major-General Sir John Duncan, who has just relinquished his post as General Officer Commanding the British Shanghai Defence Force, is in Hong Kong to-day, with Lady Duncan and Miss Duncan.

The distinguished party arrived from Shanghai early this morning on board the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa." General Duncan is, of course, bound for Home where he has been appointed to an important command. The "Malwa" leaves to-morrow at noon.

This morning the General and his family attended the memorial service to Earl Haig at the Cathedral where he was in mufti. He was host at tiffin to-day to a number of friends.

Die With H.E. and G.O.C.
Because Sir John is now out of his command and is travelling unofficially, he is not being entertained officially. However, he will be the guest of H.E. the General Officer Commanding in South China (Major-General C. C. Luard) at the General's House to-night.

The "China Mail" understands that H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) will also be present at to-night's dinner, accompanied by his A.D.C., Captain A. J. L. Whyte.

Yang Sen Pushed Out.
Shasi, Yesterday.

The situation here is quiet at present. General Lu Ti-ping of the 2nd Nationalist Army is expected to arrive here on Friday (to-day).—British Naval Wireless.

This afternoon, Sir John will go on a drive around the island of Hong Kong. He will re-embark officially to-morrow.

DAMAGES CLAIM.

MR. LESLIE HAYNES AS DEFENDANT.

DETENTION ALLEGED.

Mr. L. E. Haynes appeared as one of three defendants in a case which was "called" at the weekly case-fixing session at the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

The case was one in which Pang Chau sued C. M. Houghton, Shuen Kam-sun (alias Shuen Sho-fung) and Leslie Haynes (all of 6 Queen's Road Central) for \$1,000 damages for false imprisonment.

When the case was "called," Mr. el Arculli answered for plaintiff.

The three defendants also appeared and Mr. Haynes, who had a copy of the local Ordinances with him, stated that he had an application to make.

His Honour: You wish to dispute the claim?

Mr. Haynes: Unquestionably, my Lord. My application is under Section 15 of the Ordinance for the production of pleadings.

Mr. el Arculli maintained that it was never the practice to supply pleadings in Summary cases. Particulars were generally asked for.

Mr. Arculli also added that he would like to know whether Mr. Haynes appeared on behalf of the other defendants.

Mr. Haynes: No, or the others would not have come.

His Honour: We can only hear Mr. Haynes on his own behalf.

One of the other defendants here interposed: I wasn't even there at the time.

Mr. Haynes adhered to his point with regard to pleadings and His Honour commented that he saw no reason why he should not be supplied with them.

Mr. Arculli was instructed to supply them and it was indicated to Mr. Haynes that he would be expected to file a statement of defence after receipt of pleadings.

The case was adjourned until March 2.

COUNTER-ATTACK.

Peking Generals Decide About Kuominchun.

Decisions by councils of war among the Peking Generals are that a counter-offensive must be launched immediately against the "Christian Generals" Kuominchun, which is allied to the Nationalists.

Overnight cables speak of fighting in the south of Chihli province, around Taming, which is less than 300 miles south of Peking. Troop movements are reported in Honan, the province from which the "Christian Gen-

SIMON COMMISSION.

Futility of Boycott Policy.

VICEROY'S ADDRESS.

Most Monotonous Session Of Indian Legislature Open.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The futility of boycotting the Simon Commission which will arrive in Bombay to-morrow, is emphasised in an eloquent speech by the Viceroy in addressing the two Houses of Legislature at the open-

ing of what is bound to prove the most momentous session. The public gallery was crowded.

The Viceroy declared the accusations that the Commission amounted to a "deliberate" insult were merely the products of heated imagination and a "boyish" policy. At its best, would only lead to dis-

tinguishing the organ at St. Margaret Mary's Church, Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, which was built by Mr. Blackett, was "opened" yesterday evening after Benediction.

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PRETTY ENVELOPE.

WHY A BOY OPENED A LETTER.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Dr. (Mrs.) Leung Yuk-kwan, the daughter of Mr. Leung Yuk-ting by his first wife, charged her step-brother, Leung To-sang, aged 12 years, with stealing two registered letters, unlawfully retaining and opening one of the letters.

Mr. Lo Hin-shing appeared for the prosecution, whilst the defendant was represented by Mr. A. E. Hall.

After hearing the evidence, the Magistrate found that he could not convict on the charges of stealing and unlawfully retaining.

He pleaded with India not to mistake the path at one of the cross-roads of her destiny.

The speech was greeted with loud applause. Forty-seven Swarajists were absent.—Reuter.

CONSERVATIVE WIN.

RESULT OF BRISTOL BY-ELECTION.

London, Yesterday.

The result of the Bristol West By-Election, caused by the raising to the Peirce of Colclough Gibbs was a victory for the Conservative, Mr. C. T. Culverwell with 10,070 votes.

The Labour Lady Clarke Annesley obtained 7,702 votes and the Liberal, Mr. W. N. Moyer, 4,000 votes.

Mr. Lindsell decided to fine the boy \$25.

SERGEANT MCMAHON.

London, Yesterday.

Police Sergeant McMahon who was wounded on the night of December 7, when a picket under his charge was shot at by a quartette of Chinese gunmen, has gone back to the Government Civil Hospital for further attention after doing duty for about ten days as assistant Court Sergeant at the Central Magistracy. It is understood that he wanted the red envelope. It was a very trivial matter which could have been settled privately.

The prosecution, Mr. Hall said, was ridiculous.

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DULL WEATHER.

North east winds, moderate overcast, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

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SEVERE PENALTY.

Hungarian Writer's Disgrace.

LOUIS HATVANY.

Sentenced For Damaging His Country's Name Abroad.

Budapest, Yesterday.
Louis Hatvany, the famous writer and politician, was sentenced after a one-day trial to seven years' imprisonment, a fine of £500, the payment of £17,500 to the Treasury, the payment of £1,000 to the Government and the loss of political rights for ten years.

These drastic penalties were inflicted in consequence of writings criticising the "White regime" in Hungary while in exile after the downfall of the Communist regime. On return from exile Hatvany was arrested and tried on a charge of damaging the good name of Hungary abroad.—Reuter.

CIVIL SERVANTS.

INQUIRY BOARD AT WORK.

London, Yesterday.

The Civil Servants Inquiry Board has held its first meeting and discussed the question of proceeding. A considerable number of witnesses will be examined, but will not be required to give evidence on oath as the tribunal is not a judicial body. The proceedings will be private.—Reuter.

ST. MARGARET MARY

His Old School.

Representatives of Earl Haig's old school were present in the persons of Major-General Luard, Mr. D. W. Tratman, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. R. J. Birbeck and Mr. R. H. Hollis, representing the Old Cliftonian Society.

Representatives of the British Legion and Ex-Active Service Men's Association were present (under Lt.-Col. F. Hayley Bell), also of the Girl Guides and Rangers under Lady Stuart-Taylor and Mrs. Remington.

The clergy taking part in the procession and service, in addition to the Bishop, were the Very Rev. A. Swann, D.S.C., and the Revs. N. V. Halward, M.C., W. R. Cannell, G. E. S. Upsdell, G. T. Waldegrave, C. B. Shann, W. W. Rogers, L. Webb (C.F.), G. F. Stopford and H. V. Koop, Assistant Chaplain.

Following the special service, the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ by Mr. F. Mason and the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by buglers from the Scots Guards.

The Bishop's Address.

The Bishop took as his text: Philippians III 20—"Our citizenship is in heaven" and spoke as follows: "A muscle of his heart grew tired, we are told, and one who has been for years a household name to us all is no longer with us.

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E. A. LEGGATT,
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Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1928.

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FRED A. XAVIER,
Secretario,
Kowloon, 3 de Fevereiro de 1928.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE on SATUR-
DAY NEXT, 4th February, at
NOON.

Hong Kong, 1st February, 1928.

NAVY LEAGUE
(Hong Kong Branch.)

The Annual General Meeting of the Navy League will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 5.30 p.m. in the board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission)

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L M WHYTE
Hon. Secretary
Hong Kong, February 1st, 1928

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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Hong Kong, 20th January, 1928.

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CHAS. S. ROSELET,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, Feb. 3rd, 1928.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 18th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927.

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DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

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MARINE LAW.

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CAPT. ARTHUR'S EVIDENCE.

An interesting shipping case concerning the liability of ship owners in respect of cargo with particular reference to the seaworthiness of the ship was heard at the Summary Court yesterday when expert evidence was given by Capt. G. D. Arthur, c/o Carmichael and Clarke.

Messrs. Peng Heng-long sued Messrs. Wang Nguan-seng, of 40 Bonham Strand, West, for \$749,08 damages to goods conveyed from Hong Kong to Bangkok by the s.s. "Hua Lee No. 1."

Mr. R. A. Wadson was for plaintiffs and Mr. D. L. Strellett for the defendants.

The evidence for the defence turned largely on the question of the seaworthiness of the vessel, Capt. Arthur, who made a survey of the ship being called and his expert evidence being of considerable assistance.

With regard to this particular ship, witness spoke of tests carried out which in his opinion did not show any unseaworthiness at all. He explained in detail the uses of a collision bulkhead, emphasising that absolute watertightness was not expected. If water got into the forepeak through some accident or peril of the sea it was not a sign of unseaworthiness of the ship but that some of the sea-water had got into the hold. This was a risk which shippers had to take and for which they were able to cover themselves by insurance.

After hearing evidence, His Honour reserved judgment.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Cheung Sung (1,470) British, from Canton, Jardine's—200 tons general cargo (through).

Szechuan (1,594) British, from Canton, B. & S.—400 tons general cargo (through).

Kweiyang (1,207) British, from Bangkok, B. & S.—4 passengers, 120 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Borneo (1,207) British, from Huiphong, Hoilow, Shui Tai & Co.—204 passengers, 710 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Yingchow (1,210) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—80 passengers, 520 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 250 tons general cargo (through).

Cheung Shing (1,250) British, from Tongliu, Wei Hui Wei, Jardine's—2,420 tons general cargo from Holland via Panama to Java in 1926.

Macdonald (5,007) British, from London, Singapore, McKinnon, Mackenzie—181 passengers, 105 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,404 tons general (through).

Tonkin (907) French, from Haiphong, M.—12 passengers, 200 tons general cargo, Hong Kong.

Esquino (5,855) Italian, from Triste, Singapore, Dodwell & Co.—23 passengers, 551 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,87 tons general (through).

Kaiyu (5,000) British, from Bonny, Singapore, McKinnon, Mackenzie—4 passengers, 200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,404 tons general (through).

Takao (907) Chinese, from Kaiyu, Muru, O. S. K.—49 passengers, 8 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tonkin (907) French, from Haiphong, M.—12 passengers, 200 tons general cargo, Hong Kong.

Esquino (4,770) Japanese, from Nagoya, Moji, N. Y. K.—1,083 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Taiyi (1,080) Japanese, from Wakamatsu, Yamanashi & Co.—2,000 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Sooi Ann (787) Chinese, from Holloway, Shun, On & Co.—40 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Moo Hing Co.—25 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau, Fook Hing Co.—100 passengers, 80 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Wing Wo (503) Chinese, from Fort Bayard, Yukeelo—180 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

CELESTES MARU Sunday, 5th February.

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marselles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	8th Mar.	Straits & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,085	17th Mar.	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMAKA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marselles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marselles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,604	14th April	Marselles & London
NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marselles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marselles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marselles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	6,318	19th May	Marselles & London
MALWA	10,988	26th May	Marselles & London
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TILAWA	9,128	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	10,000	19th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TALMA	8,985	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKIWA	7,936	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NAGPORE	5,283	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,988	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
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MALWA	10,988	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 17th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th instant, at 10 a.m. by our surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 17th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

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AN AID TO BUSINESS

Our best authorities are practically unanimous on the fact that knowledge of Chinese is a valuable asset in business. There are abundant means in the Colony for learning the Chinese language, so the excuse that facilities are not easily available is very poor. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, has set a sterling example by putting to good use his familiarity with Chinese; the impression he has made in public addresses in the vernacular is testimony to the value of such knowledge. Furthermore, it was not so long ago that the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce took the lead in inducing local hongos to encourage the study of Chinese but, it is regretted, enthusiasm appears to have subsided. Opinion is divided as to how many dialects, if more than one, should be aimed at in learning the spoken language in addition to the written. We go a step further. Present ties are such that foreigners should also acquaint themselves with the major political and national developments in China. How many non-Chinese, we wonder, know what such an important name as Li Chai-sum signifies, additional to the fact that he is in charge at Canton?

Foreign observers living in China who attempt to follow the ramifications of Chinese party politics are few indeed. This is particularly so with old residents for these, after years of experience, come to the conclusion that any effort in the direction indicated cannot but fail to leave the

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NEW PRAYER BOOK

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—Some weeks ago, we ventured, in view of the grave situation caused by the Deposited Book to write asking for prayer.

We pointed out that the issues before Members of Parliament and those associated with the present crisis, were most serious, and that the decisions might have far-reaching results; we therefore urged all who were watching with great anxiety the trend of events to join in prayer that Divine Wisdom and Guidance might be given.

At the present moment earnest prayer is more needed than some days before. Each day might be set aside for this purpose. Some may find it convenient to give, say, five

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—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, in the "Evening News" of London.

"Is the world—the poor, battered, weary old world in which we live—really passing through a slump in genius?" asks the newspaper named.

"Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, slopingly surveying mankind from China to Charing Cross, has coldly turned down his thumb. He turned it down in an interview with the "Evening News," and now he has gone back to America, thinking sadly of the days when there were geniuses."

"... and we petty men

Walked under their huge legs and peeped about."

To find ourselves dishonourable graves."

"Meanwhile the old planet is taking a ruminative look at itself."

"Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking to an "Evening News" representative—

"I do not agree with Dr. Murray Butler. There are some astronomers alive to-day who are as great as any that ever existed—men like Professor Eddington and Dr. Jeans. They are as great as any of the famous men of the past."

"There are wonderful physicists in the world now."

"People do not realise the wonders that are happening, quite quietly, in their midst. We are in a great revolutionary period: the world is changing, as it sweeps along. Great discoveries are being made, unknown to the millions of people who live their daily lives in world."

"No great men!" No, I do not agree."

"Of science the charge is palpably untrue. Science is now at the very top of the wave—greater than it has ever been."

"Of the two geniuses quoted by Sir Oliver Lodge, one is Dr. James, mathematician, who lives at Dorking. He has won the royal medal of the Royal Society and the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society, and has written such works as "Radiation and the Quantum Theory" and "Cosmogony and Stellar Dynamics." The other is Professor Eddington, the 44-year-old Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge."

"Sheer Audacity."

"The new President of the British Association, Sir Arthur Keith, the distinguished anthropologist, said—

"I think it is sheer audacity for any man to say there are no geniuses to-day. How can any one man judge? The world of knowledge is so vast now—it is such an enormously wide range that no one brain can comprehend it all."

"I do not think there is a dearth of genius to-day. Great men come in waves, I know—more at one time than at another—but how can you tell who are the real geniuses among your contemporaries?"

"In a hundred years' time people will look back on our age and pick out its geniuses. We cannot possibly do it."

"I could name half-a-dozen men whom I consider geniuses, but it would not be fair for me to do it."

"Perhaps a decision, one way or another is impossible to us," comments the "Evening Standard."

"We can no more appreciate the greatness of a contemporary than we can see the grandeur of a mountain when we are climbing its slopes. The peak seems ever at the end of the next incline, and it is not until we look at it from a distance that we realise how far we were from it."

"Another difficulty lies in some doubt as to the proper definition of greatness. Is a great man, one who does large things? But many little men have been pushed into positions where they could do nothing else. Accident plays so huge a part in human affairs. And who has not met, in some humble position, a man who radiated from him by mere force of being himself the very sense of greatness?"

Major G. H. S. Fowke, who has just resigned the Leicestershire cricket captaincy, succeeded A. T. Sharp in the leadership. In 1922 Educated at Uppingham, he did many fine things for the school with both bat and ball, including an innings of 103 and the capture of 22 wickets in 1896. In the following season he topped the batting with an average of 46, his highest effort being 181 against Malvern, in which game he also took six wickets.

Young, etc.—

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IN CLASSIC TIMES

The history of the key naturally proceeds pari passu with that of the lock, the maker of the one being expected to provide the other. The chef-d'œuvre lock, wrought by the apprentice lock, brought by the master locksmith, was accompanied by its key, and equalled it in point of both artistry and artifice. And because of the high degree of skill and taste which the locksmith must exhibit in respect of his locks and keys, he was in the Middle Ages frequently called upon to execute small ornaments for his patrons.

The origin of the open ring to the key doubtless arises from the fashion of wearing on the hand the safeguard to some cherished possession. In the British Museum are to be seen specimens of little finger rings in bronze with the key affixed at right angles; these are Roman rings, unearthed at Herculanum. In classic times, and indeed right up to the thirteenth century, the key must have ranked as far inferior to the iron bar and the wooden bolt as a means of actual defence to city gate and church door, and have been esteemed rather as a means of securing the casket and the chest. But for all that, it stood as a symbol of the inviolability of a town and of a castle; an emblem of possession, and later on of rank. Should a town capitulate to an enemy, the burgars must formally surrender its keys, even though this formality be rendered unnecessary through the walls having been razed to the ground.

Gothic Ornamentation

In the fourteenth century the bow of the key is distinguished by a certain simplicity of design. It may be in diamond shape, square, quatrefoil, or trefoil; but these forms show but small elaboration and the barrel of the key remains plain. With the fifteenth century comes the development of Gothic ornament in this portion of the key; coats-of-arms are introduced and the space is filled with the shield of its owner or a miniature representation of his castle. Occasionally we find amongst the keys a beautifully intertwined monogram or cypher, a theme more fully exploited at a later period when court functionaries, stewards, valets, and keepers of the cellar were equipped with keys that were obviously marked as entrusted to them by their lords and masters.

When we find a stately century key, bearing along its barrel the coat-of-arms of the Dauphin of its day, as a mark of his friendship and confidence, French keys of the period of Henry II. and, wrought either with the crescent or with the arms of Diane de Poitiers, signified, on presentation by the monarch, the right to enter, unannounced, the royal apartments. Such keys were, naturally, much coveted, as a symbol of royal favouritism, yet their possession could not have been altogether a sinecure, since loss of the key would mean for the careless one the necessity for defrauding the cost of providing fresh locks and keys—and fine ones, at that—throughout the palace. Sheer bankruptcy might lie that way.

Keys of richly gilt steel with a swivel ring at the end stand for royal keys, to be worn proudly slung through the waist belt, that all the world might recognise the privileged one. The valet's keys would be richly wrought, but not gilded; the King would have a plain, partout key. In Spain the gentlemen of the court would wear their key to the apartments of Charles II. either round the neck, on a coloured ribbon, or in the side pocket of their coat with the bow carefully exposed to view. The latter fashion led to the exaggeration in size of the bow portion.

With the development of the bow and its decoration came that of the barrel. The sixteenth century saw the introduction of ornament in the classic style. Sometimes it would be in the form of a figure, sometimes in that of a Corinthian or Ionic pillar, or of a swivel key, the barrel would be joined to the stem by a base or foot, the bow being supported by four or eight sides supporting a top of pierced steel. The bow and the barrel would be joined in the eighteenth century by a disc resembling a wheel, finely wrought, a four, and the wards would achieve the fineness of a comb, in contrast to those of the earlier keys, wherein the massiveness of the key was technically known as the "boss" of the key. In others the stem would simulate a turret and the bow its pinnacle; later came the fashion for barrels of four or eight sides supporting a top of pierced steel.

The bow and the wards would disregard the natural function of a key and exhibit wards that were not cut out, but merely elaborately chased and carved, and barrels so delicate in decoration that to thrust them into an aperture might seem a desecration.

The key of to-day seems a trivial thing in comparison. Even presentation keys are manufactured from dies by means of a stamping press, and lack the individuality and richness of the antique.

As for these moderns, what is there to be said in its favour beyond the practical? What an opportunity for beauty is missed in its futile bow, an exasperation, so slight that it finds small grip for the fingers. If only it were made of larger proportions and its opening filled with a fine metal tracery, how much more useful and pleasing it would at the same time appear.—"Daily Telegraph."

POLICE FIEND HUNTED

DEAD GIRL'S SISTER
THREATENED.

FIFTY ARRESTS.

New York.—While 4,000 police were searching motor-cars, trains, and residences for the fiend who kidnapped and murdered little Marion Parker, the 12-year-old Los Angeles schoolgirl, her grief-stricken parents received yet another menacing, defiant letter purporting to come from the arch-criminal.

The letter was placed on a fire-alarm box and attention was called to it by a false alarm of fire. In it "Fate Fox," as he calls himself, promised a similar fate for Marion's twin sister, Marjorie, if the police did not immediately desist from their hunt.

A feeling akin to panic has spread among all parents in Los Angeles, as, simultaneously with the lurid descriptions of the outrage on Marion, came the news that another girl, Ethel Swapp, aged 14, the daughter of a chauffeur, had been kidnapped at Pasadena.

£10,000 Reward.

Ten thousand pounds was instantly contributed by the city council, cinema theatre owners, and others as a reward for the arrest of the murderer.

Miss Swapp was, however, recovered with her captor in the hills near Pasadena, but her captor is not the man who lured Marion from her school.

The consternation that prevails in Los Angeles is indicated by the fact that the police surrounded scores of houses and arrested on suspicion more than 50 people. They ransacked trains and hundreds of motor-cars and they pressed aeroplanes into service

LEAGUE SOCCER

Full Programme Again To-morrow.

GUARDS MEET LEADERS.

Club Play Borderers: Kowloon Receive Queen's

[By "Rover."]

With the Interport players back again in Hong Kong, league football resumes its normal swing and a good list of matches is drawn for to-morrow.

The full official programme is as follows:

Division I. Kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon v. Queen's Regt., K.F.C. ground, Referee, Mr. Baldwin. Scots Guards v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo, Referee, Mr. Willis.

South China v. R. A. F., South China ground, Referee, Capt. Austin.

Hong Kong F.C. v. K.O.S.B., Club ground, Referee, Mr. Smith.

Division II, Section "A" kick-off 2.45 p.m.

South China "B" v. R.A. St. Joseph's ground, Referee, Mr. Phillips.

K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo, Referee, Mr. Cowan.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, South China ground, Referee, Sgt. Hyson.

Kowloon v. University, Kowloon, Referee, Mr. Lonsdale.

Division II, Section "B".

South China "A" v. Kung Wo, St. Joseph's ground, Referee, Mr. Samy (kick off 4.15 p.m.)

Kowloon v. St. Joseph's, Chatham Road, Referee, B.Q.M.S. Hutchings, (kick-off 2.30 p.m.)

ATHLETIC TIRED?

The senior league game are good ones and there should be a great game at Sookumpoo where the Guards will face the leaders, Chinese Athletic. The Guards have Aird back. The Scottish half is in fine form and with Hurst, Carswell and Johnston behind, the Guards have a fine defence. Forward the Guards can play a good game on a big field and Sookumpoo should suit them. The Athletic players may not feel so fresh after their Shanghai experiences, where they experienced defeat in three matches in which their players were wholly or partly engaged, but even this experience should help them and chances are in favour of their resuming their winning sequence to-morrow. The Guards are the only team to check the Athletic in Hong Kong this year so that the game on Saturday will have great interest with the Guards out to improve on the last result.

The meeting of the Club and the Borderers at the Valley should provide a fine game. The Borderers have struck good form lately, as also have the Club, and the latter, since Bishop has gone up with the forwards, have given much improved displays. Unfortunately Lyon, who was shaping well at full-back, has been crocked, and with Howard still on the injured list, the Club are unlucky to be always just below full strength. But with Rodger, Stewart, McBride and Watson in the defence, and Simpson, Bishop, Scott, Smith and "Patsy" Taylor forward, the Club will command respect from any side in the League; and the Borderers, if they have anything in hand at the finish of the game (good I am as they are), will, I think, be lucky.

The other Hong Kong senior game should provide the R.A.F. with two points if Vernon is on form. On Saturday last, against the Club, Vernon was in fine form and he is supported by some very useful colleagues, with a good defence. Avery on his day being second to none in the Colony. The R.A.F., if they can get used to South China's ground, should get home, but with not much to spare.

Interest on the Kowloon side should centre in the match between the locals and the Queen's Regiment. In the last match on the Chatham Road ground, Kowloon played brilliant football and looked like winning in the early stages, but ten minutes of startling play by Larkin, Richardson and Barclay turned the tables and the Regiment won fairly easily on goals.

Kowloon are, however, getting together a capable side and recent games have shown a distinct improvement in all-round play. There should be a large crowd to see this game, as, owing to the Club de Recreio formally opening their new club house to-morrow, there are no matches at King's Park and spectators should see a rare good game at Kowloon A.F.C. ground. The Queen's are putting two teams in the Shield competition, which shows that they have no lack of players; and Kowloon will have to draw out a bit of their best form to secure a point.

The junior programme does not contain many outstanding games this week. The Gunners and the Borderers should win, as also should St. Joseph's College in section "A", while Kowloon Reserves, if they play up to form, should have a bit in hand with the University and give Edwards a chance to show his worth in the University goal.

In section "B" Kung Wo, the Chinese representatives from Kowloon, who are a smart team, should beat South China "A", while Kowloon "B" ought to get the points against St. Joseph's at Chatham Road 2.45 p.m.; Wood, Green, Pasto,

LADIES' GOLF.

MEDAL AND TOMBSTONE COMPETITIONS.

FUNDS FOR THE S.P.C.A.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition held during January on the new course at Fanling for prizes presented by Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith, were won by Mrs. R. L. Bridger (1st) and Mrs. B. Brown (2nd).

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POLICE v. TAIKOO.

Teams of 9-a-side at Happy Valley.

Teams of nine-a-side are to meet in a golf match on the R.H.K.G.C. course, Happy Valley, representing the Police and Taikoo respectively, on Sunday, Feb. 12, when play will begin at 9 a.m. The teams are:

P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. (capt.) v. R. C. Wallace.
F. E. Bookler v. J. Liang.
A. J. W. Dorling v. J. Stewart.
Calhoun v. J. McCubbin (capt.)
T. H. King v. E. Moore.
F. James v. W. W. G. Davis.
W. Kent v. G. McLeod.
A. E. Charman v. T. Young.
E. Ellis v. J. H. Stewart.

CRICKET TEAMS.

SELECTIONS FOR MATCHES TO-MORROW.

Some cricket teams selected for to-morrow's matches, at 2 p.m., are:

Hong Kong C.C. 1st XI. (home) v. Kowloon C.C. (friendly):—T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, R. Hancock, D. W. Leach, C. D. Wales, A. Reid, H. V. Parker, O. Moor, M. M. Mas, H. J. Armstrong, Rev. E. K. Quick.

Indian R.C. "A" (home) v. University (League):—A. H. Rumjahn (captain), A. el Arculli, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, A. H. Mudar, J. S. A. Curroon, S. H. Ismail, A. R. Minu, F. M. Arculli, J. S. Ackber, A. K. Minu.

The Varsity team will be:—C. W. Lam (captain), S. V. Gittins, A. A. Rumjahn, Dr. D. Laing, Dr. D. K. Samy, W. Hong Sling, J. Barrow, A. P. Gutierrez, E. A. Lee, F. I. Zimmern, A. T. Lee.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI. (away) v. Kowloon C.C. (friendly):—J. Collis, H. Griffin, H. Hampton, J. E. Hancock, C. P. James, S. Jordin, K. A. Mason, A. H. Penn, G. W. Sevell, W. K. Tait, E. R. West.

University 2nd XI. (away) v. Police R.C.:—A. Baker (captain), Dr. M. B. Osman, F. Hiptool, A. B. Suleiman, A. Chan, Fook, S. R. Kermani, N. P. Karanji, K. T. Loke, S. F. Chen, B. H. Schrotter, H. T. Barma.

On Sunday, the Club de Recreio team v. the Volunteers (2 p.m.) will be:—H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, R. C. Reid, A. P. Gutierrez, L. J. Gutierrez, D. F. Lopes, F. H. Carvalho, E. de Souza, A. A. Remelio, G. A. Noronha.

The Volunteers will be represented by:—H. Buxton, A. A. Dand, R. R. Davies, S. Jex, F. E. Lawrence, O. Moor, H. V. Parker, A. W. Ramsay, A. Reid, O. D. Wales, E. Zimmern.

Roberts, Bliss, Blacklock, Pile, A. N. Other, Coates, Dunnett, Eastman, Reserve:—Hast.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The Hong Kong F.C. will select

from the following in their senior

league match to-morrow against

the 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. Regiment,

kick-off at 4.15 p.m. on the Club

ground:—Rodger, Wallington,

Stewart, Ralton, McBride, Watson, Taylor, Bishop, Smith, Scott, Simpson, Alexander.

SOCCER TABLE.

Haw Garrison Teams Stand.

The Hong Kong Garrison Foot-

ball League table, compiled to

February 1, is as follows:

Goals P.W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

C. C. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 8 7 0 1 30 4 15

H.Q. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 10 6 2 2 22 10 14

D. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 10 5 2 3 32 18 13

A. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 7 4 1 2 9 7 10

12th H. Bty. R. C. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 7 4 2 1 18 10 9

B. Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 7 4 1 2 25 10 10

H.Q. 1st K.O.S.B. . . . 11 4 7 0 22 15 8

31st H. Bty. R. C. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 7 3 8 1 14 9 7

R.A. 6th R. C. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 10 1 9 1 9 28 3

Simons, R. C. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 7 1 6 0 4 23 2

2nd H. Bty. R. C. 2nd K.O.S.B. . . . 8 0 8 0 2 32 0

4TH ROUND OVER.

NO. "MINORS" LEFT IN THE F.A. CUP.

READY FOR NEXT STAGE.

All matches in the fourth round of the competition proper of the Hong Kong Football Association Cup have been decided now.

Yesterday, the last of the "minors", i.e., the third division clubs, was elected in a replay. Of the sixteen clubs left, twelve are in division I, and only four from division II. Of the latter, two are from the Potteries, (Stockport and Port Vale) and both are drawn away from home. At least one of the second division representatives will reach the sixth round as Manchester City came out of the hat first, in the fifth round draw, against Stoke. The other division II club left is Notts Forest who will be at home to the holders, Cardiff City.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Guarnerius violin (1750) realised £500 at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's, Leicester Square, W.C.

The French Lawn Tennis Federation has received a total of 21 entries for the Davis Cup contest this year, 18 of them being in the European Zone.

The International Combustion, Ltd., Kingsway, W.C., have secured a £202,114 contract for boiler house equipment at the generating station at Leeds.

An increase of threepence in the cost of half-soled and heel boots is recommended by the Leather and Grindery Merchant's Association (London branch).

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. V. M. Grayburn, 856 the Peak, to Miss M. D. Robson, nursing sister, Peak Hospital.

A thief broke a pane of glass in the shop window of a silk goods shop in Jervois Street, on Wednesday night and stole goods valued at \$445.

Inspectors A. Clark, J. R. Clark, and J. Ogg, Sub-Inspectors S. Logan and Leo, Sgt. Ritchie returned from Home leave yesterday by the "Macedonia."

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield passed sentence of six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch on a sneak thief who was charged with snatching a gold chain from a small Chinese girl in Portland Street, Mongkok, on January 24.

Passengers arrived here yesterday on the P. and O. "Macedonia" from Home via Suez and Singapore included:—Mr. H. Courtney, Mr. R. V. Harris, Major and Mrs. Warner, Mr. A. E. Martin, Mr. O. Skinner, Mr. S. C. Law, Mr. G. B. Twemlow, Mr. L. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hooper, Surg.-Lt. Stayers, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Dains, Dr. K. R. and Mrs. Worth, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Gandy and Lt.-Comdr. Fell.

Members and their lady friends were entertained to dinner and a social evening at the European Y.M.C.A. last night on the occasion of "Ladies' Night," there being a large number present and an excellent programme of games and songs being gone through at the conclusion of dinner. Songs were given by Mrs. R. Sangers, Miss F. McGill, Mr. H. Glover and Mr. Cusack, Mr. Braga giving some excellent violin solos.

An overturned sampan was discovered in the harbour on Wednesday by a ferry launch which was on a trip from Shamshuiipo to Hong Kong. Hanging on to the upturned boat was an old Chinese woman who was in an exhausted state. She was rescued and taken on board the ferry launch. It appears from a statement made by the woman that when the sampan suddenly turned turtle all the occupants were thrown overboard, and apparently she is the sole survivor of the tragic affair.

Manila, February 2.—Vice-Admiral Sir R. Y. Tyrwhitt and his wife have arrived here on a ten-day visit. A series of entertainments has been arranged in their honour.

When an 18-year-old Post Office sorting clerk, Ronald H. Veal, was bound over on probation at Barnsley charged with the theft of postal packets, it was stated that 241 opened letters were found at his lodgings.

A party of boys from secondary schools who have been awarded scholarships by the Fellowship of the British Empire Exhibition for a one year's course at Australian agricultural college have sailed from London.

Mr. Burn-Callander, who has been acting for Mr. Harry Tate on Pondoland Estate, Taiping, during the latter's absence at home, is leaving to become Manager of Kuala Pilah Estate, Kuala Pilah. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tate are expected back on Pondoland this month.

According to the "Vorsitzende Zeitung," the German Nationalist Party intends to nominate one of the members of the Hohenzollerns as a candidate for the Presidency at the next election, and ex-Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm will probably be selected as their candidate.

New York, February 2.—Following Mr. Corrigan's death, the control of the Corrigan-McKinley Steel Company, of which the capital is \$14,000,000 has passed into the hands of four women. The principal stockholder is Mr. Corrigan's widow, a well-known London society hostess.—Reuters.

Furniture and clothing to the value of \$1,000 were destroyed by a fire which broke out at 1480, Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, the residence of Mr. J. Endecott. The fire was caused by a piece of smouldering wood left in the chimney of the house. The French fire brigade was called out and extinguished the blaze.

Adelaide.—William Peter Haines, aged 25, was puffing a cigarette when he was hanged for the murder of Devina Schmidt, aged 19, whom he shot at a picnic owing to jealousy. Haines lit a cigarette when walking to the scaffold, and after requesting permission to take a last view of the world he was executed while still smoking.

In American and German aerodromes large areas of concrete paving are being laid in front of the hangars to serve as runways on which the planes can land or take off in any weather. Berlin's "Croydon" — the Tempelhofer Flughafen—is to have a new elliptical concrete starting track 977 yards across from north to south, and 1,300 yards from east to west. This track, it is anticipated, will enable a considerable economy to be effected annually in the upkeep of the aerodrome. The case was adjourned.

LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Supt. Freeman Newton, of Swansea, formerly of the Indian Police, has been appointed Chief Constable of Hereford.

Count Hiroto Hayashi has been appointed Chief of the Imperial Educational Association in succession to the late Dr. Mansataro Sawayang.

The Belgian railways announces reduction of 80 per cent. on fares for parties of tourists proceeding from England to Italy and Switzerland, via Belgium.

Dr. Penck, noted professor of geography at Berlin University, is reported to have accepted an invitation to lecture at the University of California during the coming summer.

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ore included:—Mr. H. Courtney,

Mr. R. V. Harris, Major and Mrs.

Warner, Mr. A. E. Martin, Mr. O.

Skinner, Mr. S. C. Law, Mr. G. B.

Twemlow, Mr. L. H. King, Mr. and

Mrs. J. Hooper, Surg.-Lt. Stayers,

Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Dains, Dr. K.

R. and Mrs. Worth, Lt.-Comdr. and

Mrs. Gandy and Lt.-Comdr. Fell.

Members and their lady friends

were entertained to dinner and a

social evening at the European

Y.M.C.A. last night on the occa-

sion of "Ladies' Night," there being

a large number present and an

excellent programme of games and

songs being gone through at the

conclusion of dinner. Songs were

given by Mrs. R. Sangers, Miss F.

McGill, Mr. H. Glover and Mr.

Cusack, Mr. Braga giving some ex-

cellent violin solos.

An overturned sampan was dis-

covered in the harbour on Wednes-

day by a ferry launch which was on

a trip from Shamshuiipo to Hong

Kong. Hanging on to the upturned

boat was an old Chinese woman who

was in an exhausted state. She

was rescued and taken on board the

ferry launch. It appears from a

statement made by the woman that

when the sampan suddenly turned

turtle all the occupants were thrown

overboard, and apparently she is the

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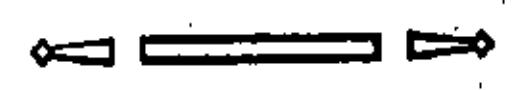
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"KING OF KINGS."

IMPRESSIONS AT COVENT GARDEN.

"NOT GOOD ENOUGH."

It was not to be expected that Hollywood would keep its hands off the Gospels, writes J. C. Squire in the "Observer." In this film Hollywood has done very much better than one had any right to hope. The film, in fact, is not offensive.

The reasons for this are two-fold. One is the success of the principal actor, and the other the evident earnestness with which the producer and the cast have worked. Mr. Warner's impersonation of Our Lord has noticeable defects, defects best illustrated by the fact that he is most glaringly inadequate when he is driving the money-changers out of the Temple. But the perpetual and uniform mildness of the character shown is doubtless due in large part to the scenario—written, I observe, by one Jeanie Macpherson. Within the bounds of his materials he is good—and to say a man is good in this part is no small tribute. He does leave behind him the impression of a really beautiful presence, of sinlessness, of a wisdom, patience and charity more than human: he does pass through all these scenes with complete consistency and dignity. Hollywood, also (though I have not seen the parts which were cut out before the film came here), has been at every pains to divest itself of its usual vulgarity. A great deal of play has been made in the papers about the early episode of Mary Magdalene, preposterously introduced as a fashionable demimonde driving a chariot drawn by zebras. That is sheer vulgar sensationalism; but there is not much of it elsewhere.

All parties have done their best; the trouble is that Hollywood's best is nothing like good enough. On the positive side there are plenty of errors in detail. The producer did not realise that tricks which may be useful in presenting ordinary stories are not necessary here. There is a silly procession of shadowy Deadly Sins who tempt the Magdalene. There is a Jackie Coogan child who haunts the scenes. When Judas is paid thirty pieces of silver we see the coins several times dropping from the priest's hands to the table; at a distance, then close up, then at a distance again. When the woman taken in adultery is about to be stoned, all the emphasis is laid on the stones. A Jew, close up, passes half a brick to another Jew, so that we can be quite certain that stoning is contemplated. Then, in series, sinner after sinner drops his stone; then, finally, we are given a picture of all the unused stones lying about on the ground. This sort of thing is not merely superfluous, but throws the whole film out of proportion.

The ordinary method of rapid change, with constant snapshots and captions, should, again, have been completely abandoned. The scenes should have been more protracted, and more of them should have been "held." We are seldom allowed to pause and contemplate what we would wish to contemplate—though if we were, as things stand at Covent Garden, the conductor and his band would be whanging out "Lead Kindly Light" or "Rock of Ages." But a film on this theme cannot be criticised by ordinary standards, nor can our verdict on it be seriously affected by our opinion of details as details. There are undoubtedly very effective details as well as the other kind; the Pilate scenes are especially good, for instance. But a screened Gospel must be judged in the light of the best that one can conceive possible; and in that light "The King of Kings" lamentably fails.

The intention is good; the photography is good; there is merely a complete absence of intellect, imagination, dramatic sense, and religious awe. How

complete this absence is I perceived at the end, when I realised that I had frequently been moved by those captions which were Gospel texts, and hardly moved at all by the pictures. And the chief reason is that these do not come from any shaping soul of imagination. The best of them command our admiration by their technical cleverness and derivative beauty. But when this story is filmed as it should be, we shall not, at critical moments, be saying to ourselves, "How marvellously like Leonardo—or Correggio—or a silver-and-ebony crucifix—or the old religious pictures in 'The Quiver'!" The producer will either give us a very long picture of the whole narrative or a Passion play: he will use few captions or none; he will not telescope the life as a prelude to the Passion. If he takes us to Gethsemane at all, he will not flicker us through it in a minute; and he will not translate the Temptation to Jerusalem and the last days, thereby showing a total inability to comprehend the outline of Christ's ministry. And, above all, he will be inspired to make new pictures, not to copy old ones, making a series of very superior Christmas cards.

Artistic representations of religious stories, to be impressive, must either be the naive work of simple believers or the strongly imagined re-creations of genius. The simplicity of Hollywood is not the right kind of simplicity: and if a man of poetic genius went there, they would not know what to do with him.

Some eminent persons have applauded this film. I think they must have been agreeably surprised at not being shocked, and experienced an emotion of which they did not know the source.

MUSICAL POINT.

ORCHESTRAL POSSIBILITIES

Professor Theremin's addition to the ordinary apparatus consists of an antenna and a loop. By approaching the right hand to the loop he raises or lowers the pitch, as anyone can do with his wireless set, though not everyone has thought it worth while to practise the minute inflections of the hand necessary to define the note. By approaching the left hand to the loop he alters the volume from a deafening noise at one end of the scale to silence at the other. This application is new, and his own invention.

The sound, that of a fiddle-string on a powerful resonator, has two defects, one remediable, the other probably not. The intonation depends on a very accurate movement of the hand in space, and this needs much more careful adjustment before pleasure can be had from the performance. Also, there is no attack of the note; it begins and ends with a glissando. Though this defect was ingeniously minimised by reducing the volume at both ends of the note, the real remedy lies in a difficult and elaborate calculation of "transients."

As the exhibitor only just arrived from Paris there had not been time to set up all the apparatus. We understood from Mr. Edwin Evans, who acted as interpreter, that there is more to be heard when Mr. Cochran shows the instrument at the Albert Hall.

It is possible to combine manipulators into all orchestra by the use of different sets of antennae, without duplicating the rest of the machinery—presumably by dotting them about the hall so as not to interfere with each other. It is possible also to produce different timbres, probably by adjustment of the valves or the use of different loud-speakers. Mr. Theremin is only showing his instrument, we must remember; he does not claim to be a virtuoso.

The examples we heard ranged through an octave—say, from 30 to 600 vibrations. This range is produced by a varying number of "beats." Beats are puffs of air which result as the discrepancy, great or small, between two different oscillations. Two electric currents establish a rate, one of say, 1,000,000 oscillations, and another of 1,000,600; and the introduction of the hand into the magnetic area reduces the latter rate (or increases the former) to the requisite amount.—A. H. F. S. in the "Observer."

CARUSO.

SINGER WHO HATED ROYAL COMMANDS.

Landon Ronald, the famous English composer-conductor, refers to Caruso in loving manner in his charming book, "Variations on a Personal Theme." "I met Caruso a day or two after he had made his debut at Covent Garden Theatre in 'Rigoletto,'" he said, "and we struck up a friendship which lasted to the end. He had the spirit of a boy. He loved a joke and was for ever drawing caricatures, for which he had a great talent. He was in enormous request during the season for concerts given at private houses and he would receive as much as four or five hundred guineas for singing at one of these functions. And how he hated doing it!

But I think the things he dreaded most were the many "commands" he received to sing at court. Although King Edward and Queen Alexandra were the most gracious of sovereigns, Caruso suffered agonies of nerves when he had to sing before them, and he once told me that he would prefer to sing 'Othello' twice through in one evening than have to sing two songs at Court.

He came up to Blackpool to sing for me at one of the Sunday concerts, but he would only allow himself to be announced for one solo in the first half of the programme and one in the second half. He, however, arranged with his accompanist, and the result was a dozen songs—the first one and five encore numbers without bowing off, and on to the stage, and the second one likewise. Wild horses would not have drawn another song. I remember him bowing at Blackpool with a big coat on, hat and stick in hand, and smoking a big cigar. The audience took the hint.

At the end he yearned for his own land, for his beloved Italy. No matter how long he remained on foreign shores, to her his allegiance never wavered—and when he fell ill, like a sick child calling for his mother, he asked to be taken back to his own country to die in her arms.

A VETERAN PIANIST.

DE PACHMANN NEVER CONSCIOUSLY POSED.

"I never consciously posed in my life," declared Valadimir de Pachmann the other day in replying to an accusation that he was a showman first and a musician afterwards. The veteran pianist, who is 73, is now touring Great Britain. "People come to hear my music, but they also like to hear me talk, because I can in that way explain the composer's thoughts. Often my audiences take me too seriously. I am not always Pachmann, the great musician and friend of Liszt and Wagner. Sometimes I am Pachmann the jester. I creep on to the platform and look at the great audience. 'What!' I exclaim. 'I have been playing in Britain for more than 40 years, and you still come to hear me? Marvellous!' Then I turn to the piano and give a start. A piano! What is that for? Surely you do not expect an old man like me to play? My fingers are stiff and I have not practised for six years!" The audience is laughing. I like to hear people laugh, and get angry if they do not respond. When they laugh I take them into my confidence and introduce them to Liszt, and Chopin, and Beethoven. When people laugh they forget to sit straight up in their seats, and become more human."

Music and Humour.

"Most people," says Pachmann, "think that music and humour cannot walk hand in hand. Why not? Wagner and many other giants delighted in a little musical horseplay. So sometimes when I play I am merry. I hold my right hand high on a rest, and when it seems too late strike the note just in time.

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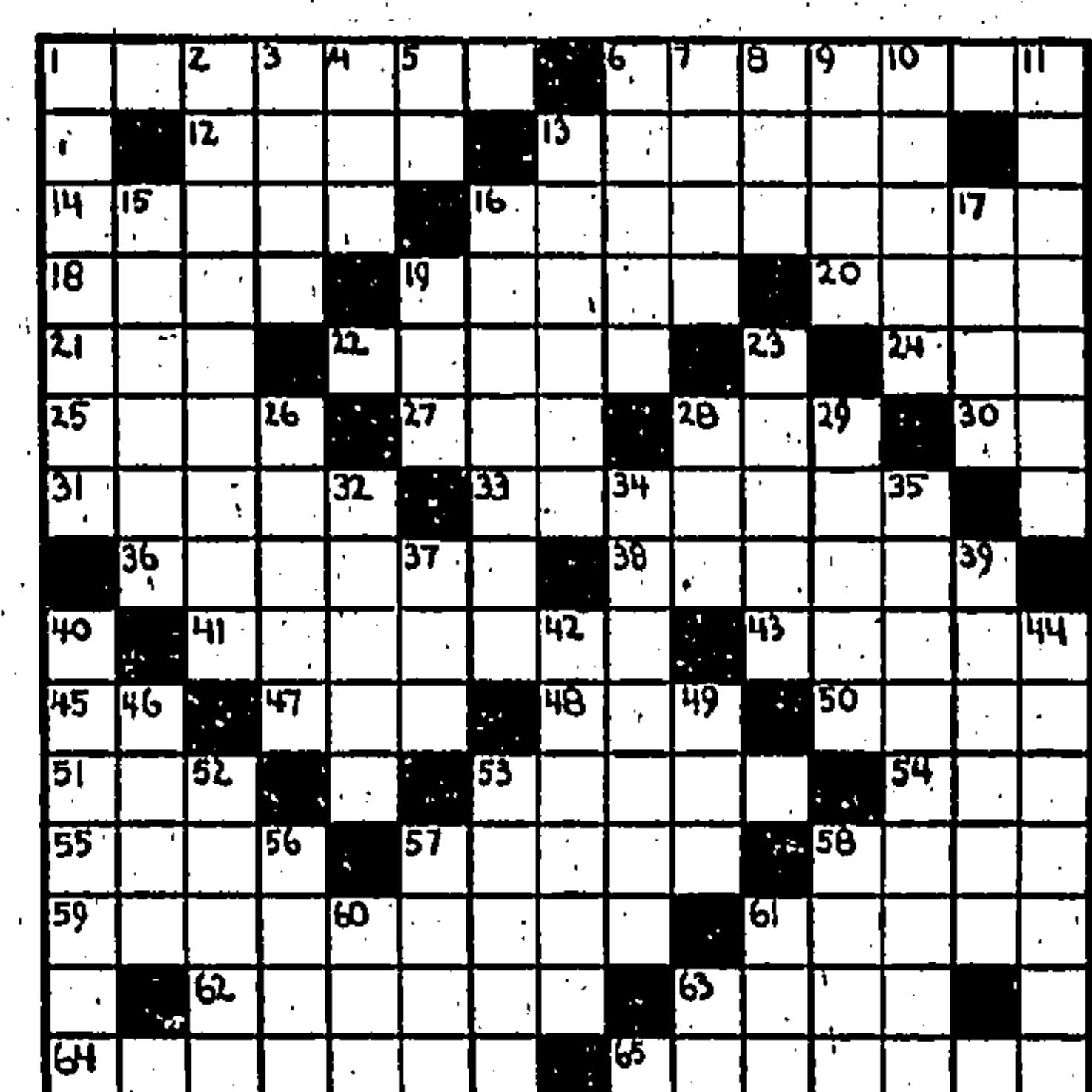
WHAT'S THAT YOU HAVE THERE?

MUSTN'T ASK QUESTIONS AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME.

BOY WHAT A DISH.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)		VERTICAL (Cont.)	
1-Person of rank	54-Quick, sharp blow	15-Small unit of time	
6-Go away	55-Vehicle	16-Dissolution of marriage contract	
12-Flower	56-Gum	17-Lacking warmth	
13-Marsh	57-Aspirate	18-Short sleep	
14-Crush	58-Defitute of organs	19-Tires	
15-Regard	59-Fishing net	20-Investigate furiously (slang)	
18-Tooth	60-Produced fermentation	21-Golf term	
19-Finer	61-Wiped out	22-Golf of a vine	
20-The summit	62-Debit entries	23-Leave covering	
21-Terrain	63-Beheld	24-Secret	
22-Hesitate	64-Wiped out	25-Taking leave	
24-Intrigue	65-Debt	26-Refugee	
25-Regrets	66-Debt	27-Empire	
27-Seed covering	67-Overcomes	28-Topographical English (abbr.)	
28-Woolen cap (Collog.)	2-Splendors	29-Facial organ	
30-French article	31-Renders sensuous	30-Residue from combustion	
31-Moved backward	33-Moved backward	31-Dried fruit	
33-Amorous	34-Extinct of surface	32-Oldest member	
38-Staggered	35-Taken	33-Tinted	
41-Magic	36-Debt	34-Wood plant	
43-Deep lethargic sleep	37-Always	35-Rage	
45-Edition (abbr.)	8-Prefix meaning through	36-Proprietor	
47-Pastry	9-Extent of surface	37-Pistol	
48-Likely	10-Fissures	38-Platol (slang)	
50-Cognomen	11-Royal mace	39-Dody of water	
51-Fixed	12-Withdraw	40-Shillings	
53-Men of enormous strength			

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, word starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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PARANOID	STARRY
ALMOND	ONSET
LOOP	GO
NECTAR	GIBBLE
INK	SPELL
BAN	IN
ECU	C
VOW	ECUPE
ECUPE	A
HAP	HAPTRUDGE
TRUDGE	ASK
ACME	COPSE
REPAST	ERECT
CENSER	ACME
ED	BY
CUE	NERO
PAU	ED
WD	ETHERIZATION

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SIR C. J. DUDGEON.

OLD CHINA HAND PASSES.

"THE BRATS."

Word has reached Shanghai of the death on January 23, of Sir Charles John Dudgeon, who counted many Shanghai people among his friends and acquaintances. Death occurred in San Remo, the late Sir Charles and Lady Dudgeon having made their home in Italy since 1914.

Sir Charles Dudgeon was born in 1855, son of the late Patrick Dudgeon, of Cargen, Dumfries, and was educated at Rapton, and College Hall, St. Andrew's University. In 1884 he married the daughter of the late Major-General W. C. O'Shaughnessy.

He came to Shanghai at a very early age, probably before he was 21, and joined the firm of McIntosh and Co. At that time he was extremely friendly with a Mr. Hewitt of the P. and O., and perhaps because of their precociousness, the two were known as "The Brats," a sobriquet which stuck to them for years after. Leaving McIntosh and Co., Mr. Dudgeon founded a firm of his own in company with another Scotsman, but after a short time this became defunct, and he joined Ilbert and Co. Of this firm he ultimately became senior partner, being succeeded on his retirement by Mr. F. Anderson.

Volunteer, Fireman and Sportsman.

In the meantime he identified himself strongly with the life of the community. A keen paper hunter with China, and it was as a result of his signal services in this connection that he was created a knight in 1903. The treaty in particular with which the late Sir Charles has been identified, was that negotiated by Sir James Mackay (now Lord Inchape), Commissioner, which was concluded on September 5, 1902, and represented an endeavour to deal with a matter of the utmost commercial concern, silk.

Leaving Shanghai in 1904, Sir Charles continued to take a very keen interest in China, with reference to the affairs of which he was very conversant, and he did a vast amount of work for the benefit of those trading here through the China Association, of which he became chairman in 1911. Latterly he had not been in the best of health, and was, in fact, paralysed for a number of years, and had resided principally in Italy. He is survived by his widow and one daughter who is now the Marchesa Clair Rappini di Castel Delfino.

On leaving Shanghai, Sir Charles presented to the Cathedral his favourite recreations were fishing, shooting and golf.

He was one of the pioneers of British cotton spinning in China, being instrumental in the foundation of the Laou Kung Mow cotton mill, at about the time the Two and Oriental mills were founded.

A Public Spirited Citizen.

An old resident who knew him well describes Sir Charles as one of the finest citizens that Shanghai ever possessed—one of the most public spirited men possible—and in view of this, it is rather surprising that he never served on the Municipal Council. Perhaps this was because he preferred the rôle of genial critic, but in this capacity he was always constructive. An instance of his work in this way may be taken from the case of Col. Mackenzie who, after the Whealparrow Riots, lost his position as Captain-Superintendent of Police and head of the Volunteers. At the annual Ratepayers' Meeting following this event, Sir Charles addressed the ratepayers and quoted from the municipal records numerous letters of appreciation from the Council, extolling his ability and the fine work he had done in these capacities. His point was fully appreciated by the ratepayers, and as a result, Col. Mackenzie was given a retiring allowance of £10,000. This was the work of a man who was in no sense a gifted public speaker, and it is interesting in this connection to know that he always prepared his speeches carefully beforehand and memorized them.

The Mackay Treaty.

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MYSTERY MAN.

DANE'S DEPORTATION ORDERED.

FALSE STATEMENT.

Something of the record of the "mystery man," Bernhardt Carl Sturt Ververs, aged 24, a Dane, was related at Bow Street Police Court, when he appeared on remand charged with having made a false statement to a police officer making inquiries under the Aliens Order, 1929.

Ververs was detained by the police after having had luncheon with another man at the Savoy Hotel. He said he was employed at the Danish Legation and claimed diplomatic privilege. At the legation he confessed that the statements he had made were false.

Mr. Herbert Musket, for the police, now said that two days before his arrest Ververs made a telephone call to Copenhagen from Charing Cross post office. The charge was £1, but he was unable to pay and left his passport as security. The passport showed that he came from Denmark on November 21. During his stay he had given an infinity of trouble.

When he was taken to the Danish Legation he stated that he had come at the instigation of a Russian Communist named Levinsky, whose address in Copenhagen he gave. His instructions, he said, were to collect all the information he could from naval and military authorities.

United Service Club.

He further stated that he had visited the United Service Club in Pall Mall to meet officers to obtain information, and that such information he communicated to Levinsky.

A great many persons with whom Ververs came in touch had been interviewed, but there was nothing which would justify the preference of a charge of espionage. There was nothing which fairly satisfied the authorities that what he had said about himself or the purpose of his visit was true. It only showed the class of man he was.

Scotland Yard had been furnished with a good deal of information by the Danish police, which showed that Ververs was an habitual criminal, and was now wanted on a warrant granted at Copenhagen for obtaining money by fraud. He had been convicted in Denmark five times for theft and fraud.

Ververs was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, and recommended for deportation.

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Japan	Kashima Maru	10.30 a.m.
Manila	Ginyo Maru	10.30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7		
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FRANCE & OTHERS.

Mr. Briand On Foreign Policy.

GERMAN QUESTIONS.

How Evacuation Of Rhineland May Be Hastened.

Paris, Yesterday. Two long-awaited ministerial statements were made simultaneously.

M. Poincaré, in the Chamber dealt with the measures adopted to balance the budget and organise debt redemption which had resulted in a world-wide return of confidence on French national finances. The floating debt had been reduced by over seven billion francs.

He added that both foreign and domestic credits had become abundant and cited improvements like the reduction in the discount rate and the de facto stabilisation of exchange. He concluded by stating that the Banque de France now dominated the exchange market.

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M. Briand opposed the rupture of relations with the Soviets but demanded diplomatic correctness. He anticipated the disappearance of the last obstacle to Franco-Italian friendship and finally prophesied that 1928 would not close without the grave questions of war debts and reparations being settled in such a way as to consolidate hopes of a general peace.

The Senate voted by a show of hands on the motion approving M. Briand's policy.—Reuter.

LATE EARL HAIG.

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In Family Vault.

London, Yesterday. It is announced to-day that the remains of Earl Haig will be interred in the family vault at Dryburgh Abbey in Scotland on Tuesday. Dryburgh Abbey is near Bemersyde House, the late Field Marshal's home. The vault of Haig's is next to the burial place of Sir Walter Scott. After the funeral service in Westminster Abbey tomorrow the coffin will be entrained for Edinburgh. Arriving in the Scottish capital about midnight, it will be received by General Sir William Peyton, General Officer Commanding Scotland, and his Staff. Two squadrons of Scots Guards and the Pipe Band of the Cameron Highlanders will be in attendance. Members of the British Legion will bear the coffin to a gun-carriage and proceeding on, will march through the City to St. Giles Cathedral, where the body will lie in state until Monday, when it will be conveyed to Dryburgh Abbey.

It is announced by the War Office that Field Marshal Sir William Robertson has been forbidden by his doctor to act as Pall bearer at the Westminster Service and that his place will be taken by General Lord Gavan.

Army Order.

The following army order was issued this evening: "The Army Council on the melancholy occasion of the death of Field Marshal Earl Haig desire to place on record their sense of the heavy loss which the Army & Empire have sustained. The late Field Marshal had already served in many campaigns with great distinction and had held high appointments where he had had opportunities of training troops whom he subsequently commanded in the great war. As Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders he bore through four long years the

HOURS OF LABOUR.

New British Policy Outlined.

FRANCE DISAPPOINTED.

The Washington Eight-Hour Convention.

Geneva, Yesterday. The new British policy towards the Washington Eight-hour convention was outlined by Mr. Betterton, the British Government delegate to the governing body of the International Labour Office. He declared that the most serious difficulties which hindered the carrying out of the convention, which had been concluded hurriedly and without sufficient experience, was the question of the reduction of hours of labour and the de facto stabilisation of exchange. He concluded by stating that the Banque de France now dominated the exchange market.

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HIGH TREASON.

Sensational Trial In Leipzig.

THE ZINOVIEFF LETTER.

Ex-Convict Who Sold Forged Documents To Foreign Powers.

Leipzig, Yesterday. A sensational high treason trial in which the notorious Zinovieff letter was given prominence, ended in the Supreme Court when the ex-convict Anton Schreck was sentenced to five years' penal servitude "for the repeated crime of the forgery of documents and offences against espionage laws."

Schreck was charged with selling to Poland and France forged military documents which hampered the negotiations of the Locarno peace conference when presented as a proof of German insincerity.

The German pacifist Karl Mertens, who went to Leipzig from Geneva on safe-conduct, as there was a warrant out against him on a treason charge, giving evidence at the trial, said it was rumoured in Geneva that the Zinovieff letter was forged at No. 1, Anhaltstrasse, Berlin, which turned out to be the house in which Schreck lived.

The Public Prosecutor said it was evident that very dangerous things went on in the "dark room" of No. 1 Anhaltstrasse.

Two other accused, Hermann Koch and H. Schulz, were sentenced, the former for attempted high treason to 22 months' penal servitude and the latter for perjury to four and a half months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

For Next Session.

The British and French employers' delegates supported Mr. Betterton.

The German Government delegate proposed the postponement of a decision until the April session.

The meeting finally adopted the suggestion of the French and Belgian Government delegates to institute a discussion regarding procedure at the next session, when the question will be discussed as to whether the revision of the Convention is to be placed on the agenda for 1929.

Mr. Albert Thomas declared the eight-hour day had been introduced practically everywhere; moreover, the British proposal was premature since rules governing procedure must be formulated before revision could be undertaken.—Reuter.

MARCH STOLEN?

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tions for spot business are 3800 and for forward business between 4,000 and 5,000 Fengpiao to 100 yen.—Reuter.

Note: "Feng" is the abbreviation for Fengtien, a province in Manchuria whence Marshal Chang Tso-lin rose to fame; "piao" means "bond" or "note." In other words, the Fengpiao is the paper money used in Manchuria by the present Peking Government.

Identity Unknown.

His name is Hsu Shu-dong and political trouble is believed to be behind the attack. All of the six shots struck him and he was taken to Paulin Hospital in a serious condition.

The armed men, whose identity is unknown, shot their man down shortly after he had left his bed. The men escaped but detectives from Bubbling Well police station are handling the case and expect to make arrests.—Shanghai Times.

U.S. FLEET.

"Unless matters in China are serious."

The U. S. S. "Pittsburgh," flagship of the (American) Asiatic Fleet, will remain in Philippine waters for the next two months, Admiral Mark L. Bristol, commander-in-chief of the United States Navy in Far Eastern waters, told representatives of the Press during an interview last week.

"Unless matters in China suddenly become more serious, I plan remaining here for two months at least," Admiral Bristol said. "Of course, it is hard to tell what will happen and it may be necessary to leave on much shorter notice."

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